

## COLLEGE OPENING ADDRESS

**Dr. Barkley Delivers Opening Address to Alma College Students**

### "SOME THINGS BY THE WAY"

**Remarkable Talk Given By Acting President One of The Best Ever Listened to Here**

According to the established custom, the first chapel service of each semester is given over to an address by some friend of the college. This year Dr. Barkley of Detroit, acting president of the college, delivered the opening address on the subject, "Some Things By The Way."

As this was one of the finest ever delivered at Alma, we have printed it entire. We believe it sets a new standard for Alma and a standard for scholarship that every student may well strive to attain.

### "SOME THINGS BY THE WAY"

Some of the most sacredly treasured memories of my senior collegiate year are associated with the extra curriculum function of editorship of the Literary magazine of the college, which I shared with a small elected group of my classmates. We took ourselves very seriously—did we budding editors.

We were the heirs to certain customs and traditions handed down by our predecessors from class to class, for our jealous keeping. We were editing, not a newspaper with its free lance English, but a literary magazine with its severity in style and chastity of speech. We were pharisees of the most strictest sect, and kept sacredly to the traditions of the fathers. Our own Thoreau, Hawthorne, Lowell, J. T. Fields, Macaulay, and the Scotch essayists and Reviewers were some of the gods of literary style set up in our pantheon. We were severely literary; and it is but fair to say that "The Nassau Literary Magazine" was the culture-medium of not a few men since known in literature. There was Sam Brothers, a bashful, red-cheeked youth who was just beginning to be the distinguished essayist and critic that he now is. And there, too, was Robert Bridges whose muse was just beginning to sing through his verse. And there was Henry VanDyke, then a dapper, college chap, who found in this magazine the literary wings on which he soared away toward the blue.

As a vent to the severity of literary fashion, and as a foil to its sterner moments, the Magazine carried a department of alleged humor, in which the quips and jests were nearly as good, perhaps, as those usually appearing in the Almanac.

We did not, however, commit the intellectual indiscretion of passing sharply and suddenly from the very literary to the very light. We apportioned of another department, a little less frivolous than the humorous pages, and yet somewhat less serious than the literary pages. It treated practical, every day affairs in good, but not severe and stilted forms. It called a spade a spade, but tried to be fair and respectful to the man who used the spade. This compromise department, this atrium decorum, was by the college drone habit of speech, into "Olla-Pod." And this, as Mr. Brewer in his "Handbook for English Readers" will tell you, means "Things by the Way." And that gives me the title to my topic today.

I desire in simple, and yet not unworthy, speech to talk with you of "SOME THINGS BY THE WAY."

This accords me the capricious privilege of touching upon many, and may be, very unlike things. And yet, as I see, you shall see, these things, dissimilar though they may be, shall be found to have their principle of unity in the fact that they all belong to our College, and to its life and peace and power in itself; and, through itself, to you who are so vital a part of it.

1. May I, at the risk of triteness, venture to remind you that, in coming to college, you have come to one of the high places of life?

You have quitted the secondary schools supposedly because you have practically exhausted them. They have given you what are called the fundamentals of education. I hope this fundamental work has been so wrought as to prove both broad and deep and enduring. For though, like the foundation of some great structure, these preparatory hours of study lie out of sight, yet, like those

## OF INTEREST TO AUTO OWNERS

Twenty-two automobiles have been stolen in the small towns and country districts of Michigan during the past few days. A Maxwell car was stolen in the vicinity of Niles. John Molton and John Moore have been arrested and brought to Marshall for stealing the automobile of D. M. Van Syckle. A Ford car belonging to F. M. Chatterton was stolen from the Jackson Fair on September 18th. A new Buick "Six" was stolen from Edward S. Hunt, a Buick agent at Flint. A Peerless (seven passenger) car was stolen and driven to East Jordan, Michigan, where it was abandoned and now awaits an owner.

Over fifteen hundred cars were stolen in Michigan last year and over two thousand automobile accidents have occurred in Michigan since January 1st, which caused the death of about forty people; therefore, the time has come where the prudent man feels the need of protection against the auto thief and the damage cases as a result of the accidents.

The following are a few of the judgments obtained against automobile owners: Cooper vs. Clifford, Calhoun County \$750; Faulkner vs. Payne, Calhoun County \$800; Regan vs. Patterson, Calhoun County Settled for \$1800; Wm. Moran vs. Phil Alexander, Genesee County, judgment \$800; judgment against Jas. Johnson, Isabella County \$1268; judgment against Charles A. Bigelow, Bay County \$1000; against Mr. Hill, Oakland County \$5000; against Lester R. Ulrick, Macomb County \$7500.

No careful man feels like visiting the Fair or the City and leaving his automobile even for one hour without insurance; therefore, why not take a policy? The cost is only \$1 for policy and 25c a H. P. under the State rating which makes \$6.50 on a Ford car; \$7.25 on a Maxwell, Dodge, Studebaker or Oakland, etc.; other cars in proportion.

Write Citizens' Mutual-Automobile Insurance Co., Howell, Mich. adv-1907-11

## MISSISS VALMA AND MARY SHARP GO EAST

Miss Valma Sharp left Tuesday morning for Washington, D. C., where she will take up her work as instructor of piano at the Colonial School for Girls. Miss Mary Sharp will be joined at Toledo by Miss Mary Sharp, who will accompany her east. Miss Mary Sharp will this year take special work in oratorio and concert at the Peabody Conservatory, Baltimore, Maryland.

The Misses Sharp are both very accomplished musicians and their decision to spend the winter in the east will come as a severe blow to Alma's social life.

## A JUST RECOGNITION

Word has been received here that Dr. L. W. Sharp, last year an assistant in the department of Botany at Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y., had been advanced to the position of assistant professor of that subject. Besides the honor in Dr. Sharp's advancement there is also a very substantial increase in salary. Dr. Sharp is very well known to the people of Alma and vicinity and we know a host of sincere friends will join the Record in congratulating him.

## HAMILTON HIGHWAY BEGUN

**Expected To Have Highway Completed This Fall But Not Put Into Use**

Work is progressing fine on the Alma-St. Louis highway. Commissioner Hamilton informs us that the first coat which consists of 10 inches of slag has been put on the east half and that twenty-four more cars of slag will arrive this week at Alma which will complete the first coat on the west half or the Alma end. As soon as the work of putting on the slag is completed the gravel will be put on. The road will be finished this fall if teams and labor can be procured. The road probably will not be used much this fall but will be settled and in excellent shape for next year. Deputy State Highway Commissioner on a visit of late to examine and accept of the grade stated that if completed according to plans this would be the banner piece of road in the state. It has been suggested that owing to the untiring efforts of Commissioner Hamilton in his work and his hearty cooperation with the Boards of Trade of the two cities, that it would be never have been built, that it would be very fitting to call the road Hamilton Highway.

## MINER'S CAFE NIGHT

On Friday night, October 1st., Ice Cream will be sold at 5c per dish. An orchestra will furnish music during the entire evening. Come and enjoy yourself.

## GOOD INVESTMENT TO REMIT TAXES

**Board of Trade Petition in Favor of Republic Co. Is Only Fair**

## DISTRIBUTE BIG PAY ROLL

**Other Large Cities Owe Their Growth to Concessions Made to Manufacturers**

In accordance with an agreement made with the Republic Motor Truck Co. at a citizens meeting held at Weese's Hall some weeks ago with 150 of its citizens and business men present, whereby the Board of Trade by a unanimous vote of the citizens present were instructed to pass a petition to be signed by its citizens, petitioning the common council and its successors to remit the city tax on the Republic Co.'s property for a period of ten years, it being signed up by its citizens. We are pleased to state that very little opposition is being found. Those who refuse to sign certainly can not understand that this was part of the consideration for which the Company was induced to remain in Alma. Another feature is that those who oppose the remitting in almost every case are those who did not contribute a cent toward the fund of \$12,500 that was raised and with which the machinery was purchased. Had the Republic Co. left Alma the present plant would have been closed up and very little tax would have been received, but by the effort of our citizens and the concession of remitting the tax they were induced to remain, and a payroll of 250 men is being distributed in our city every day, \$30,000 in new buildings is being expended and the prospects are bright that before July 1st, 1916, 500 men will be employed. Is it worth while? The Record emphatically says yes.

Show us another city in Michigan that would not remit the tax to secure an industry like this, and this is all it will cost the tax payers at large. What has it done for real estate owners? It has increased every piece of property in Alma twenty-five per cent., it has put Alma on the map as one of the best towns in the state. Not only this, it has turned the eyes of other manufacturers toward Alma, and in time we predict that Alma will be the factory center of this part of the state. We are in hopes every citizen in Alma will sign this petition and then act as a committee of one to see that it is carried out. These little concessions are what has made such cities as Flint, Pontiac, Jackson, Lansing, Saginaw and Detroit. Let's all get into the game and boost for a better and bigger Alma. Don't let it be said that Alma or any of its citizens was a party to nullification of such a proposition.

## GOOD HEALTH WEEK

Commencing Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the M. E. Church is the first meeting of the Gratiot County Good Health Week program of which was published last week. This is a very important meeting and should be well attended. Some of the very best talent in the state will take part on the program. The Sunday and Monday afternoon meeting will be held at the M. E. Church, all other meetings and the Food and Dairy Exhibit will be held at the High School Auditorium.

## BIG JUBILEE

The F. & M. Greater Shows will give a four day entertainment under the auspices of the order of Owls of Alma, lasting four days commencing October 6th. Their attractions consist of five big moral shows, are Eli Ferris Wheel and a Balloon Ascension each day. This will be held on the grounds east of the Roller Mills. The Owls are a newly organized order in Alma and are putting this on as a financial benefit to their order and cordially invite all to come. They guarantee all these attractions to be clean and moral. See their ad. on another page.

## SOLD TO U. S.

The Republic Truck Co., through their agent at Columbus, Ohio, sold to the government for the postoffice department at that city, seven of their trucks, which were installed this morning. The Republic people delivered them last Wednesday, sending them in a procession across the state. This is more evidence of the fast growing popularity of the Republic Truck. Eight complete trucks a day are being turned out this month.

## THE WEATHER

Alma people have noticed lately that the weather signals displayed on the staff on the roof of the Opera House block. In order that the meaning of these signals may be made clear we give their significance as follows: The white flag means fair weather. The black flag signifies the approach of a storm. A flag with white above black denotes storm followed by fair weather and black above white predicts fair weather followed by storm. When a white flag with a black center is flown, a sudden drop in temperature of several degrees may be expected. P. M. Smith receives the government weather bureau reports and turns them over to the janitor of the Opera House block who makes the necessary changes in the signals.

## CREASER GOES TO BIG RAPIDS

Clyde W. Creaser, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Creaser of this city, left Sunday for Big Rapids where he has accepted a position as teacher of mathematics in the high school of that city.

Mr. Creaser is a graduate of Alma High School, Class of 1911 and then attended Alma College for three years, showing great proficiency in science and mathematics. Last year he entered the University of Michigan and was graduated from that institution last June.

Mr. Creaser is a very conscientious young man and Big Rapids is to be congratulated on their choice of mathematics instructor.

## WILL CONTINUE BUSINESS

**Alma Building And Loan Association Will Continue Its Existence**

At a meeting of the Alma Building and Loan Association last Tuesday night the object of which was to close up the business of the association and discontinue business, it was decided to continue until July 1st, 1916, the end of the business year and at that time decide what should be done. The association is in excellent financial condition and the object in discontinuing was, that they are unable to make loans which must be done if they continue. This association is one of the oldest in the state and is considered one of the best. They have the money to loan on real estate and are anxious to let it out.



**Dr. Harry Means Crooks President Alma College**

Allie Stanton of Lansing is spending a few days in Alma the guest of his parents.

R. Minardi has taken charge of the paint shop at the Republic Motor Truck plant. Mr. Minardi who is an expert in this line comes here from extended employment in Chicago and Grand Rapids.

L. A. Mather and wife of Newton, Iowa, arrived last Tuesday night. Mr. Mather will have charge of the gas work for the Gratiot County Gas Co. He is a competent gas man having had years of experience.

## FARMERS' CLUB

Seville and Sumner Farmers' Club meet at J. H. Hawnmann, October 7th.

Song by Club.  
Prayer by Rev. Baker.  
Address of Welcome by J. H. Hawnmann.  
Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting.  
Roll Call.  
Song by Club.  
Reading by Mrs. Felix Fee.  
Address by Dr. R. F. Erwin.  
Question Box.  
Song by Club.

LOST:—Valuable, crypt top vial eye glasses in allegator case. Finder suitably rewarded. Probate office, Ithaca, Michigan. 1907-1

## ANNUAL BANQUET MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

**Fourth Annual Affair Held Last Tuesday Night in M. E. Church**

## 100 MEN PARTICIPATED

**Fine Program Of Toasts And Music Were Features Of The Evening Entertainment**

On Tuesday night more than a hundred men assembled in the parlors of the M. E. Church, the occasion being the Fourth Annual Banquet of the Men's Bible Class of that church.

Following the informal gathering the men sat down to a banquet consisting of Tomato Soup; Saratoga Flakes, Celery, Roast Beef with Dressing, Mashed Potatoes with Brown Gravy, Pickles, Baked Beans, Bread and Butter, Sliced Tomatoes, Pumpkin Pie with Cheese.

After full justice had been done to this delectable repast and the demands of the physical man appeased, the quartette rendered a selection following which Toastmaster E. L. Smith introduced the speakers of the evening, who responded to the following toasts:

Our Guests—Dr. F. C. Thornburgh.  
Response—Rev. Beard, Breckenridge.

A Man's Task—Rev. T. G. R. Brownlow.

Our Aids—C. H. Washburn.

Fellowship—Rev. S. B. Ford.

The Other Man—Dr. W. N. Drake.

Following these toasts the men sang "Blessed be the Tie that Binds" and the Benediction dismissed them from a very profitable evening's entertainment.

## COLLEGE Y. M. C. A. STAG

On Friday evening, September 24th, the Alma College Y. M. C. A. held their annual "Stag" reception for the new men of the faculty and student body. About a hundred men were present and enjoyed to a full measure the varied program of games and other entertainment. The feature of this part of the evening's fun was the relay races between the Freshman and Sophomore classes which was won by the Freshmen, Jockey Warner up.

Following the program the men did ample justice to the "Feed" which President Papworth had provided. The fellows then repaired to their rooms where night-shirts and pajamas were donned and then formed a large "A" on the campus in front of Wright Hall and there by the light of blazing cat-tails sang the college song.

On the way down town the boys stopped at Gulick's Ice Cream Parlor and the Deluxe Candy Kitchen, where the proprietors treated the boys liberally from their stocks of good things.

Only one incident occurred to mar the evening's enjoyment. This was when someone turned in a false alarm from Wright Hall. After the fellows reached the Hall, however, they serenaded the girls for some time, after which W. E. Baker took a flash-light photograph of the group. The fellows then scattered for their rooms, everyone reporting a very enjoyable evening.

## LOCAL MAN STARS

Chas. Button received very favorable mention in the Daily Ypsilanti Press for his part in the presentation of the musical comedy "A Knight for a Prince." His duet with Miss Wilcox of that city and his whistling numbers received loud cheering.

The same play will be presented in Alma on Friday, October 15th, with a home talent cast including Mr. Button.

## HOSPITAL NOTES

Silas Farrier of St. Louis was operated upon for an abscess in one orbit He was discharged Wednesday.

Miss Bernice Marsh is nursing at the home of J. B. Tubbs in the country.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Whitehead of St. Louis was operated for enlarged tonsils.

Miss Tousey is nursing at North Star.

The hospital is being extensively renovated and repapered. Four more rooms are being prepared for occupancy.

Last Thursday evening at the M. E. Church a basket supper and "get acquainted" hour was held previous to the Prayer meeting. The event was so successful that it will be followed out once a month hereafter.

## NEW FIRM

Ben Mindel, who for some years has been the popular representative on the road for the Pollasky & Co., dealers in fur, has purchased the Dan Brown Bazaar business located in the Church block, first door west of the postoffice. Mrs. Mindel, who has had considerable experience in the business world will have charge of the store while he will continue his work on the road. Mr. Mindel is an excellent business man and with his popular wife in charge, we bespeak for them a successful business. Mrs. Brown will continue in the store for a few weeks, which will be a material benefit to the new firm until they get acquainted with the stock.

## HAS SEEN HARDSHIP

E. R. Sly and wife of Bay Shore were guests of Chas. G. Rhodes and family. Mr. Sly is a very interesting gentleman. He is an old soldier, enlisting in the 100 of Illinois, serving nearly three years, during this time he spent 17 months in war prisons, five months of this in Andersonville. Some weeks ago he attended a reunion of his regiment at Illinois and out of the 100 in his company only two were living and only 38 alive that were in his regiment. Mr. Sly is a cousin of Seneca and Orlando Sly of Elm Hall.

## BABY CONTEST

One of the interesting features in connection with the Good Health Week in Alma, October 3rd to 8th, will be Baby Contest. Prizes will be given, consisting of gold and silver medals. A gold and silver medal will be given to the best developed baby under one year, also a gold and silver medal to the best developed baby between the ages of one and three years of age.

The examination of babies under one year of age will be held in Alma High School building, October 5th, and those between one and two in the same place the following day. The examination will be made between 2 and 4 p. m. The babies will be examined by the physicians of Gratiot County who will also act as judges. Parents should send the name and date of birth of all children entering the contest to Dr. E. T. Lamb before October 5th.

The medals will be on display in the window of Lacey's jewelry store.

## NEW PRODUCE HOUSE

The Board of Trade on Tuesday last decided to J. W. Redman the strip of land on the P. M. switch east of the Gas Plant where he will build a Farmers' Produce Ware House. He expects to start building this fall and have it ready for next year's business. Mr. Redman has proved to the citizens of Alma that he is a first-class business man and a hustler. He has had a wide experience in the Produce business and we predict not only a successful business for Mr. Redman but an excellent enterprise for Alma and its farmers.

## 50TH. WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

**Thomas Grover Holds Family Reunion And Golden Wedding Anniversary**

On Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Grover on Ely Street, occurred the celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of the host and hostess. The day was also the occasion of a family reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Grover came to this locality from Iowa thirty-eight years ago and have grown to be loved and admired by a host of friends.

Of their ten children all were present for the occasion but two, Perry Grover of Saskatchewan, and Frank Grover of North Carolina who were unable to be present.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Allen of Albany, Oregon, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Grover and sons, Donald and Randall of Shepherd, Mrs. Geo. Rice and daughter, Lillian from Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Grover and daughter, Mary, of Marion and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Sharrar and children Margaret, Max, Bernice, Jack and Earl, Thos. S. Grover, wife and children Ross, Irene, Lucile and Marie, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Davies and children Dorothy and Robert, and Mr. John Grover and wife of Alma.

Mrs. Phoebe Justin, mother of Mrs. Grover, who has been making her home with Mr. and Mrs. Grover for some time was also present. She is 89 years of age.

A dinner was served the guests at noon. The children presented Mr. and Mrs. Grover with a fine davenport. All report the reunion a great success and united in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Grover many more happy wedding anniversaries.

## ITHACA 7 ALMA 0

**County Seat Boys Block Locals in First Game At Davis Field**

## LAST QUARTER DISASTROUS

**Ithaca Blocked A Punt Which Gave Them The Only Chance To Score A Touchdown**

In a hotly contested but rather loosely played game, the Ithaca High School football team scored a 7-0 victory over Alma High School Tuesday afternoon at Davis Field.

Both teams were composed largely of new men and for this reason the game was not as tightly contested as might otherwise have been.

Coach Crisp, however, deserves great credit for the way in which he has trained his team and for the showing they made against their heavier opponents.

The only score which was made was scored in the last two minutes of play by Ithaca, recovering a blocked punt.

Ithaca kicked off to Mindel who advanced the ball ten yards. Alma made seven more yards by line smashes and lost the ball on a fumble. Ithaca advanced the ball by plunging the line to Alma's two yard line, but here Alma's defense asserted itself and Ithaca was held for downs.

Alma advanced the ball to their thirty yard line as the quarter ended. At the beginning of the second quarter Alma was held for downs on their thirty yard line but held Ithaca and recovered the ball. Alma was forced to punt and sent the ball to Ithaca's goal line. Ithaca gained but were penalized fifteen yards for holding. Ithaca punted, the punt being short. As Stevens was about to catch the punt he was tackled, Ithaca recovering their own punt and gaining thirty yards. Tinkham intercepted a forward pass and advanced the ball to within striking distance of the goal line as the whistle blew for the half.

In the second half Alma kicked off to Ithaca. Ithaca lost the ball on downs. Alma fumbled in the last down, but Hindley recovered the ball. Stevens was kicked in the neck and forced to retire, Howe taking his place. Alma advanced the ball to Ithaca's four yard line but superior weight held them for downs. Ithaca punted out of bounds, the ball being brought in on the fifty yard line. Alma advanced the ball ten yards. End of third quarter.

In the last quarter Ithaca regained possession of the ball and Brown got away for a substantial gain. Ithaca was held, however, and it was Alma's ball in the center of the field. At this point Alma uncorked her first open play which was a pretty forward pass of twenty yards to Kress. But as Kress was off side the play was called back.

With two minutes to play, Alma attempted to punt, but McLean blocked the punt, recovered the ball and got away for the only touchdown of the game. The goal was easily kicked.

## THE LINEUP

Ithaca	Alma
Barcher	Emory
Wells	L. Tinkham (Capt.)
Bliss	Willett
McLean	Sartor
Kashneider	Boyd
White	Campbell
Miller	Kress
Brown	Mindel
Betts	Handley
Lee	Stevens
McCall	Smith
Substitutes, Alma—Howe, Hopkins, Wheaton.	
Referee, Bleamaster; Umpire, Johnston; Linesman, Austin St. Louis.	
Touchdowns—McLean.	
Goals—Brown.	
Time—Ten minute quarters.	
Penalties—Ithaca ninety-five yards, Alma, five yards.	

## ST. LOUIS LOSES

Owosso High School defeated St. Louis High School at football last Saturday afternoon by a 56-0 score. The Shawnee county lads outweighed their opponents by about twenty pounds to the man. The St. Louis men put up a very game fight, the good defensive work of Brewer especially standing out, but they were no match for their heavier opponents.

St. Louis is coached this year by "Dusty" Austin, a former college and High School football star and captain of last year's college football team.

C. R. Goodrich of Ithaca, refereed the game and O. M. Anderson and Leland Fitch of Alma were Umpire and linesman.